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### NECESSITY FOR FUMIGATING LIFEBOATS.

Surgeon Simpson, quarantine officer at the port of San Francisco, recently made a report of an unusual and interesting incident in connection with the fumigation of the steamship *Bali*, bound in from Java. Of the total number of approximately 100 rats destroyed as the result of fumigation, 89 were destroyed by the fumigation of the four lifeboats. The accompanying photographs will evidence to quarantine officers the importance of the careful treatment of lifeboats at the time of fumigation of vessels.

If the lifeboats are furnished with a tight covering, they can be fumigated, and this is the practice that is often resorted to, allowing an excess percentage of gas to compensate for leakage; but where fumigation is a physical impossibility, life boats can be flooded with water.

Rats are prone to frequent lifeboats of a vessel to a greater or less degree because of a water supply that can be found there when not available in other parts of the vessel.

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### DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED JULY 2, 1921.

*Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended July 2, 1921, and corresponding week, 1920. (From the "Weekly Health Index," July 5, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)*

	Week ended July 2, 1921.	Corresponding week, 1920.
Policies in force.....	47, 277, 513	44, 236, 202
Number of death claims.....	7, 735	7, 339
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force.....	8. 5	8. 7